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1. SUMMARY. ON BASIS STRONG APPEAL BY ECOSOC PRESIDENT FRAZAO, PLENARY ADOPTED WITHOUT FORMAL VOTE LEBANESE DRAFT RES. ESTABLISHING ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WEST ASIA COMMENCING FROM JAN 1, 1974. AFTER ADOPTION NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, UK, FRANCE, FINLAND, AND JAPAN EXPLAINED THEIR VOTES. END SUMMARY.

2. PRIOR OPENING SESSION, FRAZAO MADE STRONG PERSONAL APPEAL TO PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS OF LEBANESE DRAFT RES. THAT PLENARY ACTION BE TAKEN WITHOUT EITHER FORMAL VOTE, FURTHER PARLIAMENTARY POLEMICS, OR PREJUDICE TO STRONGLY HELD POSITIONS. HE PREFERRED TO ADOPT RES. USING FORMULA "WITHOUT FORMAL VOTE" TO ACCOMPLISH PURPOSE.

3. ALL OPPONENTS, PARTICULARLY DUTCH, NEW ZEALAND, FINLAND, AND OURSELVES RECOGNIZED THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE OF INCREASING VOTE COUNT IN PLENARY. MOREOVER, US STILL HAD OUTSTANDING CONTENTIOUS ISSUES (R&A UNDP, AND S&T) FOR WHICH COOPERATION REQUIRED TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT. (WE DID GET THAT COOPERATION AND THEREBY PREVENTED ADJOURNMENT ON SOUR NOTE.)

4. AFTER PRESIDENT PROPOSED AND CONFIRMED ADOPTION WITHOUT VOTE, AMBASSADOR FERGUSON MADE STRONGER STATEMENT THAT HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY INTENDED. IN ADDITION TO DENOUNCING DISCRIMINATORY ELEMENTS IN RES, RESERVED RIGHT TO PURSUE OUR POSITION IN OTHER APPROPRIATE FORA.

5. FYI. ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING ISRAELIS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT US ABLY AND EFFECTIVELY HANDLED ISSUE WITHOUT ACRIMONY. THORRA EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR DIGNITY AND HOPED THAT COOPERATION WITH HIM NOT PREJUDICED BY EVENTS.

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6. NEXT ROUND IN THIS BRUISING FIGHT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE IN COMMITTEE FIVE OF 28TH GA. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SEC HAS GREATLY REDUCED FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF TRANSFORMING UNESOB TO FULL FLEDGED COMMISSION. ISRAELI AMB INFORMED US THAT THEY DEFINITELY INTEND RAISE MATTER IN 5TH COMMITTEE SINCE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION WILL STAND OUT LIKE SORE THUMB".

7. AT LUNCHEON AUG. 10, KITTANI TOLD MINCON HE SERIOUSLY
CONSIDERING OFFERING HIMSELF FOR POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

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